Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—I want notice.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Sub-division (f), 2 and 3. Am I to take it that measures are being taken to relieve the distress of a select few of your favourites and not of the majority ?

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—That question is put in a most objectionable form

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Sir, I was asking whether the Government are doing anything for the general masses of the people or only for a minority.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Government are doing everything in the interests of the general public.

Azhikode-Methala Panchayat meetings—non-attendance of members.

9. **Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the total number of Panchayat meetings of the Azhikode-Methala Panchayat held during the Presidentship of Mr. Panapparambil Kunjipockerkutty as well as that of the member in charge Mr. Krishnan ;

(b) of the number in (a) the number of meetings in which the member Mr. Ayyaril Moideen Bava Kunjipockerkutty was not present and the reasons for not having enforced against him the rules relating to continued absence from Panchayat meetings;

(c) whether any other member of the said Azhikode-Methala Panchayat has ever been disqualified for continued absence from meetings;

(d) whether the information required in (b) cannot be found out from an examination of the signatories who sign the proceedings of the Panchayat during every meeting;

(e) whether Mr. Kunjipockerkutty of sub-division (b) is not a member of the present Azhikode-Methala Panchayat and whether he attended even the first meeting of the Panchayat in its new tenure;

(f) what they intend to do in a case of such continued default;

(g) whether there was any representation from the then President on the subject; what action the Registrar has taken on it and whether a copy of the representation can be printed and placed on the table?

Mr. P. V. Raphael:—

(a) 49.

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(b) 30. The member was attending meetings occasionally and there had been no complaints from the Panchayat until 4th Karkadagam 1108, after which regular action has been taken according to the revised rules which came into force from 1st Chingam 1108 only.

(c) No.

(d) Yes.

(e) Yes; he has not attended the first meeting of the Panchayat in its new tenure.

(f) Action will be taken against the member for his non-attendance in accordance with rule 59 of the Panchayat Rules.

(g) Yes; the member's explanation was called for. Copy of the representation is appended. (*Vide Appendix I.*)

Disqualified Panchayat Members—statistics of.

10. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim:—With reference to the above question, will the Government be pleased to show the total number of disqualified Panchayat members in the State, indicating that after the separation of the Panchayat Department separately?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—Statistics of members disqualified and removed for non-attendance at meetings have been kept from 1st Chingam 1108 only, when the new Panchayat Rules came into force. 11 members as shown below have been disqualified till now after that date:—

Year.	*No. of members disqualified.*
1108	6
1109	3
1110	2
	11

Disqualification of Panchayat members—rules regarding.

11. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim:—Will the Government kindly give a full account of the existing rules, governing disqualification of Panchayat members for continued absence?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—Section 10 of the Cochin Village Panchayat Regulation V of 1089 as amended by section 7 of Regulation III of 1097 and section 2 of Regulation VI of 1109 and rules 57 and 59 of the Village Panchayat rules which govern the disqualification of Panchayatdars for non-attendance at Panchayat meetings are appended. (*Vide Appendix II.*)

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